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To

Subject wastewater treatment plant improvements

Rainer and Steve,

Thank you for sending Sheila and I the draft plans for improvements to the Nease site wastewater treatment plant. At this point we are circulating the plans for Agency review. However, as you know, we are also finishing up the public comment period for OU2 and will finalize the remedy after evaluation of all comments. Groundwater will be addressed by the final remedy for OU2. At this point, we are unsure whether the waste water treatment plant will be part of the final remedial design and we have not established a schedule to design and build the remedy.

Sheila and I have discussed concerns that some of the modifications called for in the draft plans may not be necessary or consistent with the final design. However, we are also concerned that we take reasonable steps to prevent additional spills and releases until the final system is built and running. We would like to offer you an opportunity to discuss the elements of the plan and the timing of their construction. In particular, we'd like to review the plans with an eye towards those components that may need to be constructed sooner (i.e., avoid releases to the environment) vs. those components that may be factored into the final design. We've asked our technical teams to review the improvements package and identify or prioritize those design elements that are critical to install to ensure a safe and stable interim operating situation. We'd like to ask you to do the same. After our teams have had some time to review the plans, we would like to have a conference call (or meeting) to discuss the most critical elements of the improvement package, and a schedule for their completion.

Please give either of us a call if you have questions.

Tx. Mary

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